

STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during a telephone interview conducted on April 25, 2007. The following is a statement summarizing the interview.

During the interview, the above amendment was proposed. Support for the amendment can be found at pages 13 through 15 of the specification, particularly with regard to the claimed functionality of a cable head end (CHE), the existence of a digital cable television network, and the nature of the user set top boxes (STBs).

It was explained that the intent of the amendment was to introduce the concept of a digital cable television network so as to emphasize that the claimed CHE is remote from a plurality of STBs, and also to emphasize the specific functionality of the CHE, namely, the distribution of television signals over the digital cable television network to the plural STBs.

The Examiner agreed that the amendment would avoid his current rejection for anticipation over the Agarwal patent.

The Examiner reserved judgment, however, on whether the amended claims were allowable, stating that further consideration and search would be needed. Moreover, the Examiner stated that in view of the finality of the Office Action, he would refuse entry of the amendment because of the need for such further consideration and search. It was therefore agreed to proceed by way of filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and this Preliminary Amendment which has now been done.

A favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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